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In re application of : Hironobu SAKAGUCHI

Application No. : 09/826, 868

Mail Stop Amendment

Group Art Unit: 3622

Filed : April 6, 2001

Examiner: Donald CHAMPAGNE

For : HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE, NETWORK SYSTEM, HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE
 CONTROL METHOD USING A NETWORK, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT
 ACHIEVING THE CONTROL METHOD, AND A COMPUTER-READABLE DATA STORAGE
 MEDIUM

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
 220 20th Street S.
 Customer Window
 Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 11, 2004, which set a
shortened period of response to expire on November 11, 2004, applicant
respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections,
together with the allowance of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Reply.